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In a full page advertisement appearing in the A Section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of Monday, January 5, 1953, captioned "Must the Rosenbergs Die", an appeal is made for clemency from "Americans". Letters from persons of other countries were also cited in this advertisement and a request was made to write or wire President TRUMAN and to send money to the Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs, 108 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York. This article stated that the advertisement was paid for by popular subscription and published by the Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs, Dr. CLEMENS J. FRANCE, Chairman, and BERNARD GERSTEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

Under the caption "Aldermen's Aid Asked to Save Rosenbergs" in an article appearing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on January 9, 1953. It stated that the Board of Aldermen in St. Louis were requested to pass a resolution asking President TRUMAN to grant executive clemency to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. The request was made by HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman of the SLCSJRC, 3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

A. 3. National Offices, Both Past and Present

DAVID ALMAN, described by the informant as Executive Secretary of the National Committee SJRC, spoke at a meeting of the St. Louis Committee SJRC on April 17, 1952 at Italian Fraternal Hall, 626 N. Vandeventer, and during his talk stated that he and five other friends of the ROSENBERGS had originated the National Committee which had met with great success in the United States and abroad as well. He also stated that funds were being collected to enable the case to be carried to the Supreme Court. ALMAN pointed out that the ROSENBERG mass meetings being held everywhere, along with petitions being sent to the Supreme Court, would sway the judges.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR
[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR

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[REDACTED] furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR a leaflet advertising the DAVID ALMAN meeting described above. These leaflets are maintained in 100-11726-1A-5 and 9.

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In a four-page pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Case, a Fact Sheet", published by NCSJRC and received by the informants listed below, JOSEPH BRAININ was listed as Provential Chairman of the SLCSJRC and DAVID ALMAN Executive Secretary.

[REDACTED] 4-16-52 SA W. B. THOMAS 100-11726-1A-12

(Confidential Source)

[REDACTED] 4-21-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-11726-1A-3
[REDACTED] 4-29-52 SA W. A. HILGENDORF 100-11726-1A-16
[REDACTED] 5-1-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-11726-1A-10
[REDACTED] 6-2-52 SA E. C. WELTON 100-11726-1A-15 b-7-D
[REDACTED] 1-12-53 SA G. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

B. 1. Evidence of Communist Party Affiliations of Officers Both National and Local

HAVEN PERKINS

In a one-page, mimeographed sheet addressed "Dear St. Louisan", with return address Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri, and dated December 15, 1952, a letter of petition was issued and signed by the SLCSJRC, HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman, SOL DERMAN, Secretary-Treasurer.

(previously documented)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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HAVEN PERKINS signed his name as Chairman of the SLCSJRC to an article printed in the December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Column 1, Page 2-B of the Editorial Section. In this article he requested clemency for the ROSENBERGs, stating that their death sentence had been too severe.

MARY FERGUSON

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

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JOHN PAPPADEMOS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED] b-7-D
[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

SOL DERMAN

In literature distributed by the SLCSJRC (100-11726-1A-36 and 1A-38) in 1952, SOL DERMAN's name appeared under the title Secretary-Treasurer.

(previously described and documented)

THUMBNAILS

HAVEN PERKINS

[REDACTED] a Communist Party member [REDACTED] furnished a signed statement to SA DAVID P. WETTERMAN and SA F. J. GAFFNEY of the Springfield Division in June, 1952, in which he stated that he had known HAVEN PERKINS to be a Communist Party organizer in the Peoria, Illinois area [REDACTED]

(SI 100-5325)

[REDACTED] identified PERKINS as a CP organizer in the Springfield area in 1944. He furnished a signed statement to this effect on September 14, 1951 to SA ROBERT J. FAIR and SA PETER C. CLEMENTE, both of the Springfield Division. b-7-D

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. R. O'CONNOR

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. R. O'CONNOR

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.

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[REDACTED] has advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that HAVEN PER [REDACTED] active in the Progressive Party of Missouri during the 1952 elections.

[REDACTED] has advised SA CARL R. O'CONNOR that the Progressive Party of Missouri, since its inception, has been under the complete control and domination of the CP.

MARY FERGUSON

[REDACTED] advised SA HUGH M. ANDERSON on November 15, 1952 that MARY FERGUSON was a member of a CP group which was almost non-existent because of its lack of money and its failure to hold meetings.

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[REDACTED] has advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that MARY FERGUSON is active in the St. Louis Chapter of the ASP and presently active in the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

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On January 9, 1953 [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that MARY FERGUSON was a [redacted] member of the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

JOHN PAPPADEMOS

On November 26, 1952 and December 12 and 19, 1952, [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that JOHN PAPPADEMOS is a youth group leader of District 21, CP - USA, and currently holds an executive position on the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee and the Neighborhood Folk Chorus.

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On November 11th and 26th, 1952 and December 11th and 24th, 1952, [redacted] furnished substantially the same information to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.

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SOL DERMAN

[redacted] advised SA CARL R. O'CONNOR on April 22, 1952 that SOL DERMAN was the principal official in the Communist dominated and controlled Progressive Party of Missouri in the St. Louis area and who has been further described by former [redacted], of known reliability, as having been organizer for the Professional Branch of the CP in Missouri during 1946.

SOL DERMAN, according to [redacted], who furnished information to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. on January 9, 1953, is an active member of the SLEDC [redacted]

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C. 1. Extent to Which Support, Financial or Otherwise, is Derived from the Communist Party

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[redacted] the Civil Rights Congress (an organization which has been declared by the Attorney

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General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835) [redacted] urged all in attendance to write to the President and the Attorney General urging clemency for the ROSENBERGs and asking for a revision of their trial by the Supreme Court. He said that if the ROSENBERGs were sent to their death, the door was open to Fascism in the United States.

[redacted] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted]

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[redacted] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted]

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[redacted] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted]

[redacted] has advised SA EDMUND C. WELTON and [redacted] has advised SA HUGH M. ANDERSON that the St. Louis Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council was formed in St. Louis, Missouri after the National Founding Convention of the organization was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 26th through 28th, 1951, and that the St. Louis Chapter is controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party, although some of its members are not affiliated with the Communist Party.

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2. A. Extent to Which Organization Funds, Resources and Personnel Are Utilized to Promote Objectives of the Communist Party

The specific objective of the SLCSJRC has been to prevent the execution of the ROSENBERGs. The personnel, funds and resources of the organization are directed to this end. As evidenced throughout previous sections in this letter, the CP and CP front organizations in St. Louis have assisted in this objective.

2. B. Extent Which Policy of and Positions Taken by the Organization Do Not Deviate from the Communist Party Line

Daily Worker, April 9, 1951, Page 1 (Editorial)
"The brutality of Judge Kaufman's death sentence in this so-called 'judicial process' staged amid hysteria with no other evidence but the uncorroborated word of government witnesses is an effort to make people realize what they refuse to realize. That is, that they must view war with the Soviet Union as 'inevitable' or be considered 'potential spies' and 'saboteurs'".

One-page, green, mimeographed sheet captioned "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die", issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

(previously documented)

Two-page, printed pamphlet captioned "Should These Two People Die?" and advertising a mercy rally to be held on January 7, 1953 at 6912 Delmar, issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

"Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were indicted in 1950 charged with giving atomic secrets to Russia in 1944, when she was our war-time ally. They have maintained that they did not do it. They were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Many Americans believe there is grave and reasonable doubt about their guilt. They were convicted on the unsupported

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testimony of David Greenglass, a confessed spy. Now an FBI agent has testified under oath that some of the evidence was perjured."

"Already there are grave doubts about the fairness of the Rosenberg trial. An FBI Agent has testified under oath that the government knowingly used perjured testimony. Shall we wake up to find the Rosenbergs are innocent - but too late. It would be better to let them live at prison so that if they are not guilty they will have a chance to prove it."

It is to be noted that portions of pamphlets and publications issued by the NCSJRC in New York evidencing adherence to the CP line are not being herein set out inasmuch as instant publications have already been documented and it is presumed that the New York Office already has copies of same.

St. Louis Security Informants have advised the SLCJRC has emphasized the racial discrimination aspect of the case against the ROSENBERGs and it is the principle contention of this group that the death sentence for the ROSENBERGs is too severe. No appropriate quotation from the "CP Line" file could be found to compare these two features of the St. Louis ROSENBERG Committee campaign.

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During the preparation of this letter, additional information has been received on a daily basis concerning the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. In order to bring the enclosed information to the attention of the New York Division as expeditiously as possible, this letter is being sent at this time. Additional information will be furnished as soon as possible.

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The New York Division is requested to notify the St. Louis Office if it desires this additional information be forwarded in summary form or by letter.

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APPENDIX I

Witnesses

As previously noted, informants used in this letter, unless otherwise indicated, are not available to testify as they are unexposed and live.

[REDACTED] has advised SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS that he is willing to testify to the information he has furnished.

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The availability as witnesses of former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], is unknown at this time but will be ascertained at the request of the New York Division.

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APPENDIX II

Exhibits

The following exhibits, in triplicate, which have been previously described and documented, are forwarded as enclosures to this letter:

<u>EXHIBIT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Item No. 3 of Section I-A2
2	Item No. 4 of Section I-A2
3	Item No. 5 of Section I-A2
4	Item No. 6 of Section I-A2
5	Item No. 7 of Section I-A2
6	Item No. 8 of Section I-A2
7	Item No. 9 of Section I-A2
8	Item No. 10 of Section I-A2
9	Item No. 13 of Section I-A2
10	Item No. 14 of Section I-A2
11	Item No. 15 of Section I-A2
12	Item No. 17 of Section I-A2
13	Item No. 18 of Section I-A2
14	Item No. 19 of Section I-A2
15	Item No. 20 of Section I-A2
16	Item No. 21 of Section I-A2
17	Item No. 24 of Section I-A2
18	December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Part II, Page 2-B
19	Volume I, No. 11 issue of "The Appeal"
20	January 5, 1953 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, A Section - reverse side of Page 10-A
21	January 9, 1953 issue of the Globe-Democrat, Page 7-A

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, ST. LOUIS BRANCH
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

Reurlet dated January 16, 1953.

Informants hereinafter mentioned are of known reliability and unless otherwise indicated are not available to testify as they are unexposed and live.

In this letter the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case will be referred to as NCSJRC and the St. Louis branch of this organization as SLCSJRC.

I. EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIRECTED, DOMINATED, OR CONTROLLED BY THE CP, USA

[REDACTED]

DAVID ALMAN, who has been described by [REDACTED] of known reliability, as Executive Secretary of the NCSJRC.

[REDACTED] SOLO HERMAN who is described as the principal official in the Communist dominated and controlled Progressive Party of Missouri in the St. Louis area and who has been further described by [REDACTED] of known reliability, as having been organizer for the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis during 1946.

[REDACTED] DOUGLAS MAC LEOD [REDACTED] was an active member of the Professional Branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis during 1946.

[REDACTED] serves as legal counsel for the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born, explained treason as defined by the U. S. Constitution. He attempted to show that the trials in Foley Square as well as other trials at present, including the ROSENBERG trial, were all in violation of the constitution as were the Smith Act and the McCarran Act. He suggested that the Bill of Rights had been torn into scraps of paper.

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[REDACTED]

SA CARL R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that MARY E. FERGUSON is Secretary of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions which this informant has stated for the most part follows the line of the Communist Party and extolls the virtues of the Soviet Union, and that a number of speeches in this connection have been given before this organization during recent years by out of town speakers. The same informant has stated that for several years the Chairman of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been Dr. SOL LONDE, who has been described by [REDACTED] as having been a member of the sub rosa branch of the Communist Party in St. Louis. b-7-D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] a paper was passed around for signatures for the petition on the ROSENBERG case and money was solicited to enable them to get a new trial in the Supreme Court. b-7-D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was advised that the St. Louis Peace Committee was formed by District 21, Communist Party, USA, to disseminate propaganda in the furtherance of the current Communist Party line of agitating for peace. This informant stated that the St. Louis Peace Committee has at all times been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] copies of the "Amicus Brief in the ROSENBERG Case" had been passed around for all those present to sign. b-7-D

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that MARY FERGUSON is the Secretary of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions in St. Louis.

[REDACTED] there were several petitions, "Amicus Brief in the ROSENBERG Case," and a container for donations in evidence.

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[REDACTED] contained an enclosure, "A Call to Conference," by the Chicago Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, which announced a midwestern conference to be held on August 17, 1952. b-7-D

[REDACTED] that a statement had been made asking people to come to Chicago to a conference to help the ROSENBERGS. b-7-D

[REDACTED] has stated that the Progressive Party of Missouri, since its inception, has been under the complete control and domination of the Communist Party.

[REDACTED] received a letter concerning a conference to be held in Chicago on August 17, 1952, regarding the ROSENBERG case and requesting that all contributions be sent to the St. Louis ROSENBERG Committee, MARY E. FERGUSON, Chairman, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. b-7-D

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[REDACTED]

She stated that the National Committee wanted 100,000 more signatures in the "Amicus Brief" and wanted 30,000 of them from the Midwest. [REDACTED] one of the most important things the National Committee needed was money; that so far they had collected about \$50,000 and would need \$25,000 more to carry on.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DAVID ALMAN spoke to a group of approximately thirty people, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] St. Louis Office; CH 100-25530; memo of SA CHARLES T. HAYNES dated 12-5-52.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions was cited as a Communist front by the Congressional Committee on un-American Activities in the House Report #1954 dated April 26, 1950.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. on September 17,

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1952, that the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee was organized to raise bail and defense funds and to solicit support for the five St. Louis Smith Act subjects. Since its inception, the Committee has been under the control and domination of the Communist Party in St. Louis.

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

According to [REDACTED] BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER has been a prominent member of the Communist Party in the St. Louis area for several years and assumed leadership of District 21, Communist Party, USA, since the arrest of JAMES FOREST, District Organizer of District 21, Communist Party, USA, in September, 1952.

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

HERSCHEL WALKER has been described by [REDACTED] as a member of the St. Louis City Committee of the Communist Party in 1951.

[REDACTED] spoke and urged all in attendance to write to the President

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and Attorney General, writing clemency for the ROSENBERGS and asking for a review of the trial by the Supreme Court.

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

The Civil Rights Congress is an organization which has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[REDACTED] and spoke of the importance of saving the ROSENBERGS from the death sentence, indicating that if they died fascism would have won a victory in America. b-7-D

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

LORETTA WARMAN has been an active Communist in St. Louis for many years and in 1952 was Co-chairman of the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee. b-7-D

ELLIOTT WARMAN in 1952 was Press Director of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and a prominent member of the Communist Party for several years.

[REDACTED] described RED DAVIS as a militant Communist Party member [REDACTED]

DOROTHY FOREST is a prominent member of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and one who is presently free on bond for alleged violation of the Smith Act of 1940.

[REDACTED] described ROMY HUDSON [REDACTED] as an active Communist Party member in the St. Louis area [REDACTED] b-7-D

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[REDACTED]

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November 26, 1952; December 2, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. THOMAS, JR.;

The St. Louis Chapter of the Negro Labor Council is an organization which, according to [REDACTED], who furnished information to SA HUGH H. ANDERSON, was formed in St. Louis, Missouri, after the National Founding Convention of the organization in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October of 1951, and the St. Louis chapter is controlled and dominated by the members of the Communist Party although some of its members are not affiliated with the Communist Party. This informant has stated that the principal objectives of the St. Louis chapter are to eliminate segregation and obtain better working conditions for the Negroes in both industries and business concerns in the St. Louis area.

At a party given under the auspices of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions on November 29, 1950, it was agreed by all present that every one should figure out a postcard, asking President TRUMAN to commute the ROSENBERG sentence.

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SA CLAUDE E. THOMAS, JR.;

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SA CLAUDE F. WILLIS, JR.;

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[REDACTED]

SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 19-69A.

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JOHN PAPPADENOS has been described by [REDACTED] as a youth group leader of District 21, Communist Party, USA, and [REDACTED] held and still holds executive positions in the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee and the Neighborhood Folk Chorus.

[REDACTED]

The Neighborhood Folk Chorus has been described by [REDACTED] as an interracial singing group which was organized in 1950 and 1951 by [REDACTED] who has been associated with the Communist Party. [REDACTED] the function of the Neighborhood Folk Chorus was to educate its members who were "on the fringe" and to get them into the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED]

SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

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[REDACTED]

SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED]

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HOFFMAN, according to a communication of the CP in St. Louis in 1939, was a member of the City Committee of the CP of St. Louis. HOFFMAN was dropped from the Security Index in the St. Louis Division on June 12, 1945, but consideration is being given to placing him on Security Index again as the result of subversive trends in the "Appeal" publication which he edits.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CARL P. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. MILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. MILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA CARL P. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA GIBL P. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILKIS, JR.;

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILKIS, JR.;

Several pamphlets, among which was "THE ROSENBERG CASE -- a fact sheet," published by the FCSJRC, were distributed to private homes in the vicinity of Eastgate and Delmar and between Skinker and Desperes between January 9 and 11, 1953.

[REDACTED] CLAUDE E. WILKIS, JR.;

On January 10, 1953, the FCSJRC sponsored a picket line at St. Louis City Hall. Among those participating were BROCKMAN SCHURMAYER, HERSCHEL WALKER, SOL DEEMAN, and HAVEN WILKINS.

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[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;
[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

On January 10, 1953, the SLCSJRC held a demonstration in front of the St. Louis City Hall on behalf of the ROSENBERGS. Among those participating in the picketing were HAVEN PERKINS, SOL DERYAN, and BROCKMAN SCHUMACHER. b-7-0

[REDACTED] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.;

In a report submitted by [REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, it was noted that a demonstration was carried on in front of City Hall, 1200 Market Street, by persons carrying banners which read as follows: (1) "Don't Make Orphans of Two Children," (2) "If Given Time, the ROSENBERGS Can Prove they are not Guilty," (3) "The Courts have made Mistakes Before," and (4) "Clemency for the ROSENBERGS." The officers present interviewed HAVEN PERKINS, chairman of the SLCSJRC, who stated that he was in charge of the pickets and that they were picketing in behalf of the ROSENBERG case. b-7-0

[REDACTED] St. Louis Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri; January 10, 1953; January 12, 1953; St. Louis Office, 100-11726-58.

[REDACTED] the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee at their headquarters at 4009 Lincoln, the walls in the room [REDACTED] were covered with posters which urged action in the ROSENBERG case. b-7-0

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A. I. Evidence Showing Origin of Organization

On April 17, 1952, a meeting of the SLCSJRC was held at the Italian Fraternal Hall, 626 North Vandeventer, St. Louis, Missouri, at 8:30 p.m. The principal speaker at this meeting was DAVID AIMAN. The meeting was chaired by SOL DERYAN. The informant estimated that some twenty-five or thirty persons were in attendance.

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DAVID ADMAN stated that he and five other friends of the ROSENBERGS had originated the NCSJRC and had met with great success, not only in the United States, but abroad as well. He stated that funds were now being collected to enable this case to be carried to the Supreme Court for the support of the ROSENBERG children, and last but not least, in order to send the wife of MARTIN SOBELL to Europe to speak in France, England, and Italy in behalf of her husband and the ROSENBERGS. He alleged that the Government had never proven that the ROSENBERGS were Communists and stated that he knew they were not because he had lived next door to them for a long time. He alleged that the ROSENBERGS had not been afforded a fair trial for the reason that they were Jewish. ADMAN stated that the problem at present was to obtain a new trial based on the fact that the trial on which they were convicted was unfair and the verdict thereof was the result of hysteria. He pointed out that the ROSENBERG mass meetings were being held everywhere along with petitions being sent to the Supreme Court.

DOUGLAS MAC LEOD spoke and attempted to show that the trials in Foley Square, as well as other current trials, including the ROSENBERG one, were all in violation of the Constitution as were the Smith Act and the McCarran Act.

[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR with information on April 21, 1952, dealing with attendance at the above described meeting. This information is filed in [REDACTED]. On April 21, 1952, [REDACTED] and on April 22, 1952, SL 898-S personally furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR with one page leaflets announcing instant meeting, which leaflets are filed as exhibits in SL 100-11726-1A5 and 1A9, and which leaflets reflected that MARY FERGUSON is chairman of the SLCSJRC. There is no indication in the St. Louis files of any activity by instant organization prior to the above described meeting.

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[REDACTED]

It was indicated that the strategy was to stress the point that the ROSENBERG sentences were too severe for the reason that individuals more prominent than they had received lighter sentences for the same offenses.

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[REDACTED] SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; [REDACTED]

A. 2. Evidence Showing Existence of Organization on or After September 23, 1950

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In addition to the meetings of the SLCSSJRC as set forth above showing the existence of this organization after September 23, 1950, the following list

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of pamphlets and publications issued by the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case is being set out with proper documentation. Unless otherwise indicated, 100-11726 is the file in which the exhibits are located. These documents were received by St. Louis informants.

- (1) "THE ROSENBERG CASE -- a fact Sheet," published by the NCSJTC, 246 5th Avenue, New York 1, New York. This is a four page pamphlet indicating JOSEPH PRATHER as Provincial Chairman and DAVID ALMAN as Executive Secretary.

[REDACTED] (confidential source); April 16, 1952; SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS; 1A12.

[REDACTED] April 21, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A3.

[REDACTED] April 29, 1952; SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF; 1A16.

[REDACTED] May 1, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A10.

[REDACTED] June 2, 1952; SA EDMUND C. WELTON; 1A15.

[REDACTED] January 12, 1953; SA CLAUDE E. WILKES, JR.; [REDACTED]

- (2) "To Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case," by WILLIAM L. RUBEN. This is a paper brochure published by the NCSJTC, 246 5th Avenue, New York.

[REDACTED] April 21, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A1.

[REDACTED] May 1, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A11.

[REDACTED]; December 1, 1952; SA STEPHEN J. BOYLE, III;

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- (3) One page mimeographed sheet captioned "St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case," CO 7-01, 1455 Rowan Avenue, St. Louis 12, Missouri. Instant exhibit calls for all those believing that the ROSENBERGS did not have a fair trial to (a) collect contributions and send all money to MARY E. FERGUSON at the above address or send it directly to the Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG Case, 105 6th Avenue, New York 18, New York; (b) write or wire President TRUMAN; (c) reach all new groups with the facts in the case.

[REDACTED] October 18, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October 18, 1952; SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] October 23, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A23.

[REDACTED] November 3, 1952; SA CARL R. O'CONNOR; 1A24.

[REDACTED] November 24, 1952; SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF; 1A25.

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(4) A one-page, mimeographed sheet captioned MCSJRC, 246 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., NU 5-2144 -- "Fact Sheet on Anti-Semitism in the Case: Newspaper Comment". Instant pamphlet sets forth quotations from several newspapers relative to the interests of the ROSENBERGS.

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-2
SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-7
SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-16
SA E. C. WELTON 1A-14
SA. W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-25

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-4
SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-8
SA W. A. HILGENDORF 1A-16

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR 1A-32

(7) One page mimeographed sheet on which the following appears "Don't Miss This Opportunity - Hear the Facts of This Supremely Important Case. You Can Help Save Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. You Can Help Preserve Justice For All of Us. Hear David Alman, Executive Secretary of the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, writer and neighbor of the Rosenbergs

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for several years. Hear a recording made at the Rosenberg mass meeting in New York on March 12th -- Thursday, April 17th, 8:30 P.M., 629 N. Vandeventer (near Delmar) - St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, address all communications to Mary E. Ferguson, Chairman, 1225 Goodfellow.

[REDACTED] 4-21-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-5
[REDACTED] 4-22-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-9
[REDACTED] 4-29-52	SA W. A. HILGENDORF	1A-16
[REDACTED] 6-2-52	SA E. C. WELTON	1A-13

(8) Two-page, mimeographed leaflet captioned New Haven Civil Liberties Council (affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union), NATHAN H. WEISS, Secretary, 392 Whitney Avenue, New Haven, Conn., and dated 11-23-52 "For Immediate Release". Instant leaflet is a letter addressed to President TRUMAN requesting executive clemency for the ROSENBERGs and signed "Issued as a public service by SLCSJRC, Box 1233 Central Station, St. Louis, Mo."

[REDACTED] 12-17-52	SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-35

(9) A green one-page, mimeographed sheet captioned "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die", and issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233 Central Station, St. Louis, Mo.

[REDACTED] 12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-35
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[REDACTED] 12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-35
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- (11) Two-page, printed leaflet captioned comments from the Jewish press on clemency for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and issued by NCSJRC, 1050 6th Ave., New York 18, N.Y. Instant pamphlet bears a stamp "Hear Rabbi Yampal Jan. 7, (Wednesday) 6141 Etzel".

[REDACTED] 1-2-53

SA C. R. O'CONNOR

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- (12) Two-page, newspaper type pamphlet captioned "People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs -- Rosenbergs Must Not Die!" issued by NCSJRC, 1050 6th Ave., New York 18, N.Y., BR 9-9694.

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[REDACTED] 11-24-52

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. 1A-28

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[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR

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[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR

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(Confidential Source) 8-13-52 SA W. B. THOMAS

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- (14) One-page, mimeographed sheet captioned "A Call to A National Clemency and Prayer Gathering for Mercy for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg and Morton Sobell on January 4th and 5th, 1953 at Washington, D. C."

[REDACTED] 12-19-52

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[REDACTED] a copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Chicago Daily News entitled "You Can Save Them From Death in the Electric Chair". This advertisement represented an open letter addressed to President HARRY S. TRUMAN requesting executive clemency.

[REDACTED]	12-16-52	SA J. H. LUDLUM	1A-30
[REDACTED]	12-17-50	SA C. S. SMITH	1A-29
[REDACTED]	12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-36 b-7-D
[REDACTED]	12-19-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-37
[REDACTED]	12-24-52	SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.	[REDACTED]

(16) A one-page, printed sheet captioned "Amicus Brief in the Rosenberg Case", requesting signatures petitioning the Supreme Court to set aside the verdicts and sentences in the Rosenberg case. Instant sheet was printed by the NCSJRC 246 5th Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

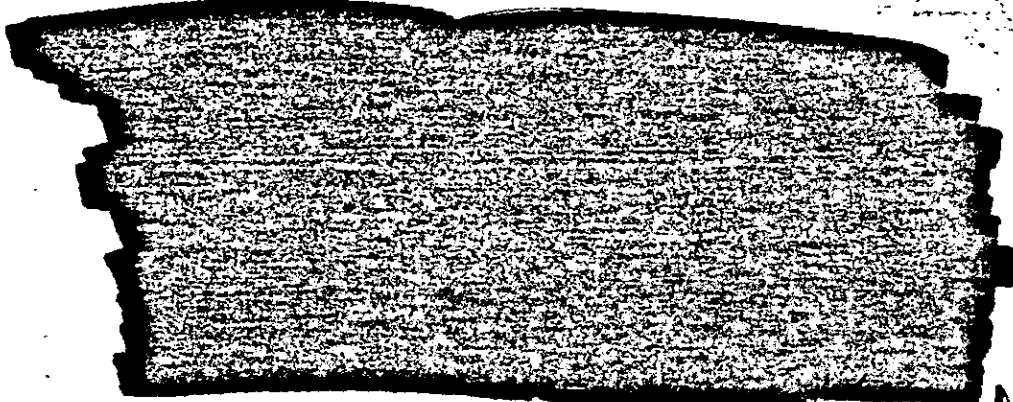
[REDACTED]	4-22-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-6
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[REDACTED]	8-4-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-18
[REDACTED]	8-5-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-19

(18) One-page, green, mimeographed sheet dated 11-19-52 addressed "Dear St. Louisan" and signed Mrs. MARY E. FERGUSON - SOL DERMAN, SLCSJRC, 1455 Rowan Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo. Instant letter requests wires or letters to President TRUMAN beseeching executive clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

[REDACTED]	11-26-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-27
[REDACTED]	11-25-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	1A-26

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[REDACTED] 1-2-53

SA C. R. O'CONNOR

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(20) A blue printed card entitled "We Are Innocent - Ethel and Julius Rosenberg", advertising a meeting under the auspices of the Chicago Committee SJRC on Saturday, August 16th at Curtis Hall, 4th floor, Fine Arts Building, 410 South Michigan.

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SA C. R. O'CONNOR

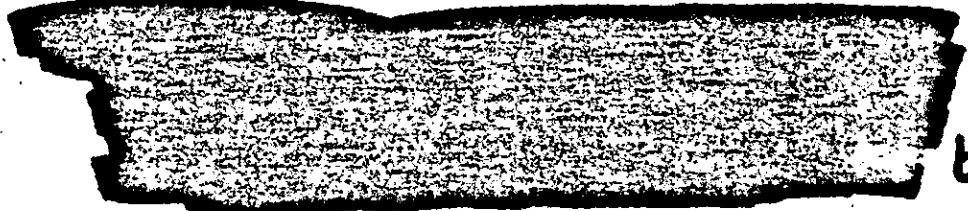
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(21) A two-page, printed pamphlet entitled "Should These Two People Die?" and issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri. On the back of instant pamphlet: "A mercy rally, with Rabbi S. Burr Yampal of Chicago as principal speaker, to be held at Tpheris Israel Congregation, 6912 Delmar," is advertised.

[REDACTED] 12-24-52

SA C. F. BRESNAHAN

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[REDACTED] 1-9-53

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- (23) Two copies of "ASP News Letter", published by St. Louis Chapter of ASP, in which an article appears entitled "Don't Put It Off Any Longer," requesting letters to President TRUMAN for executive clemency to the ROSENBERGS.

12-19-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8235-1A-129
12-15-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8235-1A-130

- (24) One page mimeographed sheet captioned "The Progressive Party" and dated October 15, 1952. Instant sheet is addressed "Dear Friend" and signed SOL DERMAN, Executive Secretary, Progressive Party of Missouri. In the article a request is made to write to President TRUMAN to set aside the death sentence and to send money to the Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 6th Avenue, New York 18, N.Y.

10-23-52 SA C. R. O'CONNOR 100-8050-1A-241

In the December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Column 1, Page 2-B, of the Editorial Section, in an article captioned "Letters From The People", clemency for the ROSENBERGS was requested, stating that the death sentence was too severe. The following is an excerpt from the article: "If the Rosenbergs die in the electric chair, everyone will have to start worrying. For from then on anybody McCARDY or McCARRAN accused of being a Communist and against whom one witness could be persuaded could be in jeopardy. We urge everybody to write to President Truman asking him to grant clemency". Signed HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman, SLCSJRC.

Volume I, Number 11 issue of "The Appeal", 2316 Palm Street, St. Louis 7, Missouri, published and edited by JOSEPH and ALICE HOFFMAN, featured an article entitled "People Rallying to Save Rosenbergs" and showing how religious and other leaders were protesting the death sentence of the young Jewish couple. It is to be noted that JOSEPH HOFFMAN is the subject of a security investigation in the St. Louis Office.

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In a full page advertisement appearing in the A Section of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of Monday, January 5, 1953, captioned "Must the Rosenbergs Die", an appeal is made for clemency from "Americans". Letters from persons of other countries were also cited in this advertisement and a request was made to write or wire President TRUMAN and to send money to the Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs, 108 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York. This article stated that the advertisement was paid for by popular subscription and published by the Emergency Committee of the Arts and Professions to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs, Dr. CLEMENS J. FRANCE, Chairman, and BERNARD GERSTEN, Secretary-Treasurer.

Under the caption "Aldermen's Aid Asked to Save Rosenbergs" in an article appearing in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat on January 9, 1953. It stated that the Board of Aldermen in St. Louis were requested to pass a resolution asking President TRUMAN to grant executive clemency to ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG. The request was made by HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman of the SLCSJRC, 3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

A. 3. National Offices, Both Past and Present

DAVID ALMAN, described by the informant as Executive Secretary of the National Committee SJRC, spoke at a meeting of the St. Louis Committee SJRC on April 17, 1952 at Italian Fraternal Hall, 626 N. Vandeventer, and during his talk stated that he and five other friends of the ROSENBERGS had originated the National Committee which had met with great success in the United States and abroad as well. He also stated that funds were being collected to enable the case to be carried to the Supreme Court. ALMAN pointed out that the ROSENBERG mass meetings being held everywhere, along with petitions being sent to the Supreme Court, would sway the judges.

SA C. R. O'CONNOR
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[REDACTED] furnished SA CARL R. O'CONNOR a leaflet advertising the DAVID ALMAN meeting described above. These leaflets are maintained in 100-11726-1A-5 and 9.

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In a four-page pamphlet entitled "The Rosenberg Case, a Fact Sheet", published by NCSJRC and received by the informants listed below, JOSEPH BRAININ was listed as Provential Chairman of the SLCSJRC and DAVID ALMAN Executive Secretary.

[REDACTED]	4-16-52	SA W. B. THOMAS	100-11726-1A-12
(Confidential Source)			
[REDACTED]	4-21-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	100-11726-1A-3
[REDACTED]	4-29-52	SA W. A. HILGENDORF	100-11726-1A-16
[REDACTED]	5-1-52	SA C. R. O'CONNOR	100-11726-1A-10
[REDACTED]	6-2-52	SA E. C. WELTON	100-11726-1A-15
[REDACTED]	1-12-53	SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.	[REDACTED]

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B. 1. Evidence of Communist Party Affiliations of Officers Both National and Local

HAVEN PERKINS

In a one-page, mimeographed sheet addressed "Dear St. Louisan", with return address Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri, and dated December 15, 1952, a letter of petition was issued and signed by the SLCSJRC, HAVEN P. PERKINS, Chairman, SOL DERMAN, Secretary-Treasurer.

(previously documented)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]

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HAVEN PERKINS signed his name as Chairman of the SLCSJRC to an article printed in the December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Column 1, Page 2-B of the Editorial Section. In this article he requested clemency for the ROSENBERGs, stating that their death sentence had been too severe.

MARY FERGUSON

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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CHARLOTTE SCHACHTER

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. 134-33A

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

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JOHN PAPPADAMOS

[REDACTED]

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SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
SA C. E. WILLIS, JR.
SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

SOL DERMAN

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In literature distributed by the SICSRJC (100-11726-1A-36 and 1A-38) in 1952, SOL DERMAN's name appeared under the title Secretary-Treasurer.

(previously described and documented)

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HAVEN PERKINS

[REDACTED] a Communist Party member [REDACTED] furnished a signed statement to SA DAVID P. WETTERAMP and SA F. J. GAFFNEY of the Springfield Division in June, 1952, in which he stated that he had known HAVEN PERKINS to be a Communist Party organizer in the Peoria, Illinois area [REDACTED]

(SI 100-5325)

[REDACTED] identified PERKINS as a CP organizer in the Springfield area in 1944. He furnished a signed statement to this effect on September 14, 1951 to SA ROBERT J. PAIR and SA PETER C. CLEMENTE, both of the Springfield Division.

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(SI 100-6877)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. R. O'CONNOR [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that HAVEN PERKINS was active in the Progressive Party of Missouri during the 1952 elections.

[REDACTED] has advised SA CARL R. O'CONNOR that the Progressive Party of Missouri, since its inception, has been under the complete control and domination of the CP.

MARY FERGUSON

[REDACTED] advised SA HUGH M. ANDERSON on November 15, 1952 that MARY FERGUSON was a member of a CP group which was almost non-existent because of its lack of money and its failure to hold meetings.

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[REDACTED] has advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that MARY FERGUSON is active in the St. Louis Chapter of the ASP and presently active in the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

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On January 9, 1953 [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that MARY FERGUSON was a [redacted] member of the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee.

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JOHN PAPPADEMOS

On November 26, 1952 and December 12 and 19, 1952, [redacted] advised SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. that JOHN PAPPADEMOS is a youth group leader of District 21, CP - USA, and currently holds an executive position on the St. Louis Emergency Defense Committee and the Neighborhood Folk Chorus.

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On November 11th and 26th, 1952 and December 11th and 24th, 1952, [redacted] furnished substantially the same information to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR.

SOL DERMAN

[redacted] advised SA CARL R. O'CONNOR on April 22, 1952 that SOL DERMAN was the principal official in the Communist dominated and controlled Progressive Party of Missouri in the St. Louis area and who has been further described by former [redacted] of known reliability, as having been organizer for the Professional Branch of the CP in Missouri during 1946.

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SOL DERMAN, according to [redacted] who furnished information to SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. on January 9, 1953, is an active member of the BLEDC [redacted]

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C. 1. Extent to Which Support, Financial or Otherwise, is Derived from the Communist Party

[redacted] the Civil Rights Congress (an organization which has been declared by the Attorney

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General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835) [redacted] urged all in attendance to write to the President and the Attorney General urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS and asking for a revision of their trial by the Supreme Court. He said that if the ROSENBERGS were sent to their death, the door was open to Fascism in the United States.

[redacted] SA CLAUDE E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted]

[redacted] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted]

[redacted] SA C. E. WILLIS, JR. [redacted]

[redacted] has advised SA EDMUND C. WELTON and [redacted] has advised SA HUGH M. ANDERSON that the St. Louis Chapter of the National Negro Labor Council was formed in St. Louis, Missouri after the National Founding Convention of the organization was held in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 26th through 28th, 1951, and that the St. Louis Chapter is controlled and dominated by members of the Communist Party, although some of its members are not affiliated with the Communist Party.

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2. A. Extent to Which Organization Funds, Resources and Personnel Are Utilized to Promote Objectives of the Communist Party

The specific objective of the SLCSJRC has been to prevent the execution of the ROSENBERGs. The personnel, funds and resources of the organization are directed to this end. As evidenced throughout previous sections in this letter, the CP and CP front organizations in St. Louis have assisted in this objective.

2. B. Extent Which Policy of and Positions Taken by the Organization Do Not Deviate from the Communist Party Line

Daily Worker, April 9, 1951, Page 1 (Editorial)
"The brutality of Judge Kaufman's death sentence in this so-called 'judicial process' staged amid hysteria with no other evidence but the uncorroborated word of government witnesses is an effort to make people realize what they refuse to realize. That is, that they must view war with the Soviet Union as 'inevitable' or be considered 'potential spies' and 'saboteurs'".

One-page, green, mimeographed sheet captioned "The Rosenbergs Must Not Die", issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

(previously documented)

Two-page, printed pamphlet captioned "Should These Two People Die?" and advertising a mercy rally to be held on January 7, 1953 at 6912 Delmar, issued by the SLCSJRC, Box 1233, Central Station, St. Louis, Missouri.

"Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were indicted in 1950 charged with giving atomic secrets to Russia in 1944, when she was our war-time ally. They have maintained that they did not do it. They were sentenced to die in the electric chair. Many Americans believe there is grave and reasonable doubt about their guilt. They were convicted on the unsupported

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testimony of David Greenglass, a confessed spy. Now an FBI agent has testified under oath that some of the evidence was perjured."

"Already there are grave doubts about the fairness of the Rosenberg trial. An FBI Agent has testified under oath that the government knowingly used perjured testimony. Shall we wake up to find the Rosenbergs are innocent - but too late. It would be better to let them live at prison so that if they are not guilty they will have a chance to prove it."

It is to be noted that portions of pamphlets and publications issued by the NCSJRC in New York evidencing adherence to the CP line are not being herein set out inasmuch as instant publications have already been documented and it is presumed that the New York Office already has copies of same.

St. Louis Security Informants have advised the SICSJRC has emphasized the racial discrimination aspect of the case against the ROSENBERGs and it is the principle contention of this group that the death sentence for the ROSENBERGs is too severe. No appropriate quotation from the "CP Line" file could be found to compare these two features of the St. Louis ROSENBERG Committee campaign.

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During the preparation of this letter, additional information has been received on a daily basis concerning the St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case. In order to bring the enclosed information to the attention of the New York Division as expeditiously as possible, this letter is being sent at this time. Additional information will be furnished as soon as possible.

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The New York Division is requested to notify the St. Louis Office if it desires this additional information be forwarded in summary form or by letter.

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APPENDIX I

Witnesses

As previously noted, informants used in this letter, unless otherwise indicated, are not available to testify as they are unexposed and live.

[REDACTED] has advised SA WILLIAM B. THOMAS that he is willing to testify to the information he has furnished.

The availability as witnesses of former [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], is unknown at this time but will be ascertained at the request of the New York Division. b-7-D

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APPENDIX II

Exhibits

The following exhibits, in triplicate, which have been previously described and documented, are forwarded as enclosures to this letter:

<u>EXHIBIT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Item No. 3 of Section I-A2
2	Item No. 4 of Section I-A2
3	Item No. 5 of Section I-A2
4	Item No. 6 of Section I-A2
5	Item No. 7 of Section I-A2
6	Item No. 8 of Section I-A2
7	Item No. 9 of Section I-A2
8	Item No. 10 of Section I-A2
9	Item No. 13 of Section I-A2
10	Item No. 14 of Section I-A2
11	Item No. 15 of Section I-A2
12	Item No. 17 of Section I-A2
13	Item No. 18 of Section I-A2
14	Item No. 19 of Section I-A2
15	Item No. 20 of Section I-A2
16	Item No. 21 of Section I-A2
17	Item No. 24 of Section I-A2
18	December 8, 1952 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Part II, Page 2-B
19	Volume I, No. 11 issue of "The Appeal"
20	January 5, 1953 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, A Section - reverse side of Page 10-A
21	January 9, 1953 issue of the Globe-Democrat, Page 7-A

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York (100-10711)

DATE: March 10, 1953

FROM : ~~EX-44~~ SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

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Re New York letter to Los Angeles, January 16, 1953, cc to Detroit.

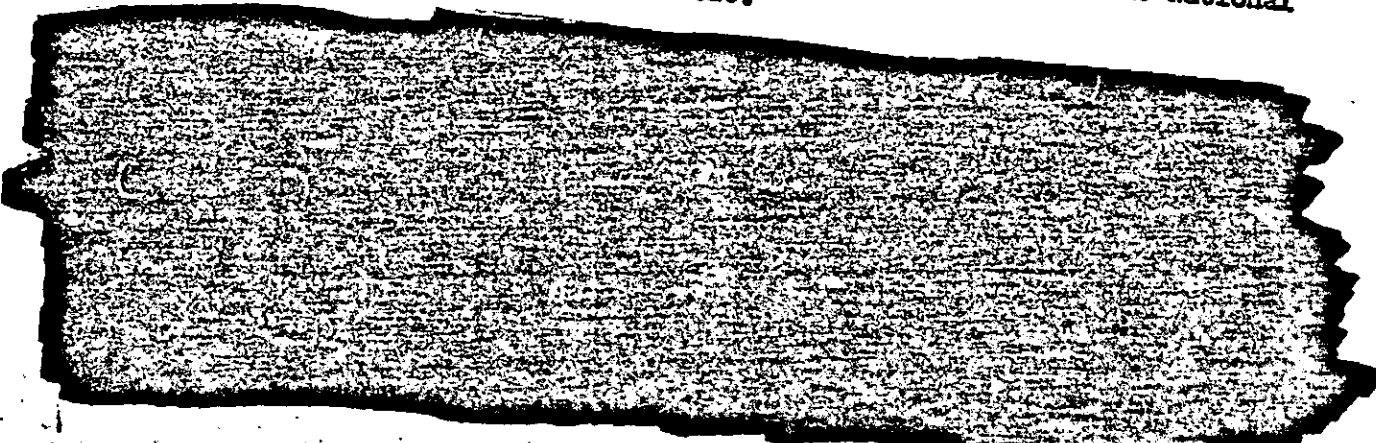
As requested in relet, all pertinent information in Detroit files is herewith set forth. All newspaper articles and literature mentioned are available as exhibits, however, this letter will not be delayed while the exhibits are being prepared. All exhibits will be photostated and three copies furnished to New York at an early date.

In preparing the following data, the form prescribed in SAC Letter No. 114, Series 1951, has been followed in so far as possible; however, inadmissible evidence has also been included inasmuch as relet stated that a summary investigative report will be submitted in lieu of a prosecutive summary should it be determined by New York that captioned organization does not come within the scope of Section 7, Internal Security Act of 1950.

PROSECUTIVE AND INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY REPORT INFORMATION

I. MATTERS OF POSSIBLE EVIDENTIARY VALUE INDICATING THAT THE NCSJ IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIRECTED, DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA.

- A. Evidence As to The Origin and Development of the NCSJ, Showing that the NCSJ was in Existence Subsequent to September 23, 1950, and Reflecting the Current National Officers of the NCSJ.



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Re: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950

[REDACTED]

2. By letter dated October 22, 1952, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Aaron DeRoy Management Corporation, 2880 Penobscot Building,
Detroit 26, Michigan, whose name should be kept confidential, furnished the
following pieces of literature which had been sent to his company by an
anonymous source:

- a. A pamphlet entitled "A Statement on the Rosenberg Case by a Distinguished Leader of Orthodox Jewry" by Rabbi Dr. MEYER SHARFF. Appearing on the pamphlet is the statement that it was published by the "National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, 1050 Avenue of the Americas, N.Y., N.Y."
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SAC, New York (100-10711)

March 10, 1953

SAC, Detroit (100-20938)

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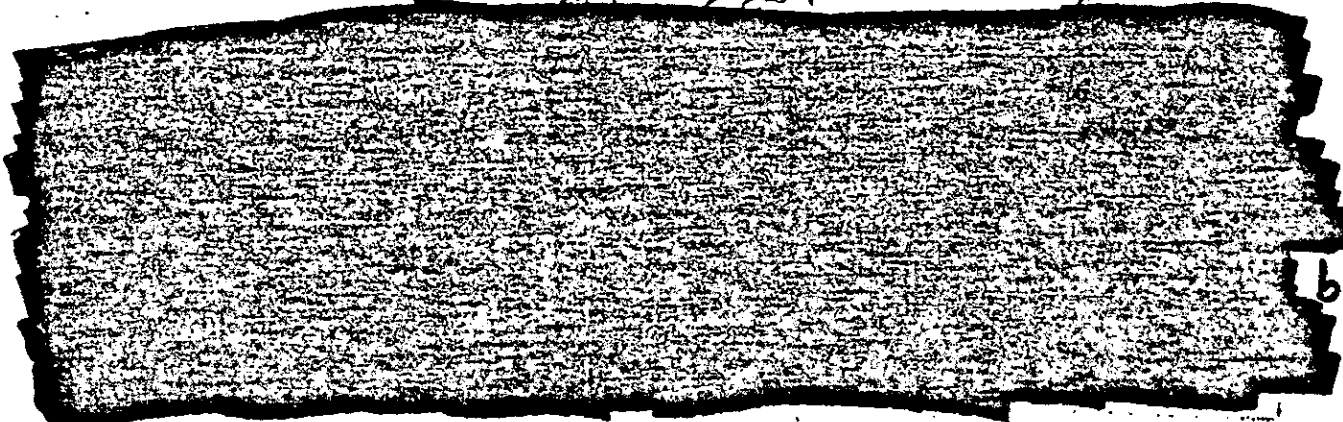
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK
FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (134-157..)

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SA ROBERT L. LANPHEAR

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THE BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

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"AMICUS BRIEF"

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"Please return to:
National Committee to Secure Justice in the
Rosenberg Case
1050 Sixth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y. BYant 9-9694"

"Signers of an Amicus Brief act as friends of the Court, petitioning because they believe an important principle is at stake."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: April 21, 1953

Handwritten initials

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20243)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (OHIO COMMITTEE
FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
OO: New York

Reurlet 1/16/53.

The following data is being submitted in accordance with referenced letter. The Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs is generally referred to as The Ohio Rosenberg Committee and only one such organization is known to be active in the Cleveland area.

I. EVIDENCE THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS SUBSTANTIALLY DOMINATED BY COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS OR COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify

[REDACTED] as advised that the Cleveland Council of the ASP is substantially dominated by individuals who are members of the CP or persons who have close association with the CP.

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[REDACTED] This source reported that he felt that the Cleveland ASP Civil Liberties Committee and the Ohio Rosenberg Committee were one and the same. b-7-D

This source advised that the ASP members seemed to be completely indifferent to the plight of the Rosenbergs and unwilling to put forth any real effort on their behalf.

Witness; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Witness: [REDACTED] b-7-D

On December 1, 1952, this source advised that the CP was back of the efforts to save the ROSENBERGS because of their desire to make the ROSENBERGS martyrs for the Communist cause.

[REDACTED] stated that every effort should be made to prevent too many people identified with the "Left-Wing Movement" from the ROSENBERG meeting in order that the committee would have a better chance to obtain "Right-Wing support."

Witness [REDACTED]

A meeting of the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs was held at the home of MARY and JEROME LAND, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on December 14, 1952. Approximately fifty persons were present for the meeting.

This source advised that the committee expected 200 persons to go from Cleveland to Washington on January 4-6, 1953, to participate in the protest march on behalf of the ROSENBERGS.

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[REDACTED] stated that the Communists have moved towards the front in the Ohio Rosenberg Committee.

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Witness: [REDACTED]

An article appeared in the "Cleveland News", daily Cleveland newspaper, issue of December 22, 1952, concerning the ROSENBERGS which appeared on page one under the headline, "Plot Uncovered Here to Save Atom Traitors." The article was written by JACK KENNON, "News" political editor. The article stated that an attempt by Communist sympathizers to block the January 12, 1953, execution of atomic secret traitors, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, was uncovered in Cleveland on that date by the "News."

According to the article, clergymen of all faiths in greater Cleveland were being asked by letter to urge President TRUMAN to commute the death sentence of the ROSENBERGS. The clergymen had received a letter from what purports to be the "Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs." The article stated that identity of the membership of this committee was carefully hidden and the only address is Post Office Box 41, Cleveland, which was located in South Euclid, Ohio.

According to the article the literature requested that contributions be made payable to the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs.

Witness: Designated representative,
"Cleveland News," Cleveland, Ohio.

Another article appeared in the "Cleveland News" issue of December 23, 1952, written by ROBERT L. KEHOE, under the headline, "Signers of Rosenberg Petition linked to Reds by Police." The article is quoted as follows:

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"Principal Cleveland supporters of a clemency plea for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, due for execution on Jan. 12 as atomic secret traitors, are persons frequently linked to the Communist Party and its front organizations, Cleveland police records disclosed today.

"These records show that members of the Rosenbergs' defense committee have held three meetings here in the past six weeks, but were denied use of Public Hall and a downtown radio studio for a general mass meeting.

"The first of these meetings was under the joint sponsorship of the Cleveland Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, a government-labeled Communist-front organization, and the Ohio Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs.

"It was held at the Sterling Hotel, E. 30th St. and Prospect Ave., on Nov. 8 and was attended by about 50 people.

"Among those present were Jean Krchmarek, former wife of the Communist leader now under federal indictment; Frieda Katz, listed in the party's Daily Worker as the 'Communists' women's leader,' and her husband, David; George Tomsik, frequent advertiser in the Daily Worker; and Fred Haug, a former union official identified at congressional hearings as a member of the party.

"Others were Norman and Nettie Berman, active in the Progressive Party and other front groups; Robert Decker, recently identified as organizer of the party's youth group here; Eugene Duchan, Frieda Kreitner, Norma Shedroff, Jerome and Mary Land; Sallie Marilles, James Schmidt, Libby Gieser, Florence Romig, Caroline Ovchar, Marin Alexandru, and Harry Becker.

"The second meeting, sponsored by the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs, was held in Parlor F of Hotel Hollenden on Nov. 18, police records disclose.

"In attendance at this meeting were Allen Greenfield, son of E. C. Greenfield, a former CIO official who was a candidate for governor on the Communist Party's ticket this year;

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"Don Rothenberg, leader of front organizations listed by the government as Communist fronts; Sam Handelman, an attorney who has represented leftist sympathizers in court hearings and deportation cases, and Mary Land, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Yetta Land, associate counsel for the top Communist leaders now in prison.

"Third Meeting in Heights

"The last meeting, observed by Cleveland Heights police on Dec. 16 was held in the home of Milton Tenenbaum at 3085 Lincoln Blvd., in that suburb, and was attended by a handful of people

"It was arranged, police officials learned, after several efforts were made by Mrs. Margery Posner, 1692 Crest Rd., Cleveland Heights, to rent Public Hall or a downtown radio studio, for a mass protest meeting.

"It was Mrs. Posner who rented a Box 41 in the South Euclid post office for receipt of contributions to a Rosenberg defense fund. The box number and solicitation of funds was disclosed by The News after letters appealing for support of the Rosenbergs were sent to clergymen throughout the city.

"Mrs. Posner refused to identify other members of the committee but denied that it was a 'Communist front.' Asked how she would account for the fact that a large number of them have been linked to front activities here, she replied:

"I can't answer that because I'm not at liberty to disclose names. I know that I'm not a Communist and neither are a number of other members."

"Mrs. Milton Tenenbaum, who identified herself as a member of the committee but then declined to answer questions, said she was 'moved by the apparent injustice in this case.' She also admitted serving as a reference for Mrs. Posner in obtaining the postal box number."

Witness: Designated representative,
"Cleveland News",
Cleveland, Ohio

An article appeared in the "Cleveland Plain Dealer", issue of December 23, 1952, under the headline "Rosenberg Mercy

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Group is Mystery." The article is quoted below:

"Efforts to learn the make-up of the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs ran into a wall of silence last night, but a spokesman was ready with a statement expressing the group's views

"Mrs. Margery Posner, 1692 Crest Road, Cleveland Heights, offered the statement, but would not name any officers of the committee.

"She said she was the holder of Post Office Box 41, Cleveland 21, which is in South Euclid. It is the return address for literature being mailed urging clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, condemned spies.

"Mrs. Posner estimated 8,000 pieces of literature had been mailed out by the committee.

"Tells of Committee

"The statement she offered was that the committee was formed here following a public meeting Nov. 8. Later, she said, persons interested in the case were invited to another meeting, at which the committee was formed.

"Hundreds of thousands of letters and telegrams such as the Ohio committee is appealing for have been received in the White House already, Mrs. Posner said.

"Mrs. Lillian Moed, 10106 Pierpont Avenue N.E., said she was secretary of an Ohio committee for clemency for the couple, but would not say if her group was the same as the one for which Mrs. Posner spoke. However, Mrs. Posner said there was only one such organization here.

"Mrs. Moed said her group started out as 'absolutely non-Communist.'

"I am not a Communist,' she said. She also said she was not a member of the Progressive party.

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"While she served as secretary of her group, Mrs. Moed said it had no chairman. She said the post office box was not hers. Her organization has collected around \$3,000 here to aid the Rosenberg children and mail literature, she said.

"Mrs. Moed said she had lived here two years, coming from New York with her husband, George. She refused to name her associates, saying it would be up to them to identify themselves."

Witness: Designated representative
"Cleveland Plain Dealer"
Cleveland, Ohio

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(The above persons who made the Washington trip are identified as having been members of the CP in Section V.)

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who
is not available to testify.

[redacted] the Ohio Rosenberg Committee backed by the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and affiliated groups, was planning to arrange for a delegation to go to Washington, D.C., to maintain a vigil in the ROSENBERG case beginning February 14, 1953.

Witness [redacted]

The CRC has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify

It is noted that MYRTLE DENNIS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was secretary of the Negro Commission of the Ohio CP as of July 12, 1948.

II. EVIDENCE AS TO THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

[REDACTED]

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Witnesses [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability has advised that to the best of his knowledge the Progressive Party in the Cleveland area is dominated and controlled by the CP.

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III. EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE ORGANIZATION WAS IN EXISTENCE SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1950

As reflected under Section II above, the Ohio Committee was organized in Cleveland subsequent to February 13, 1952.

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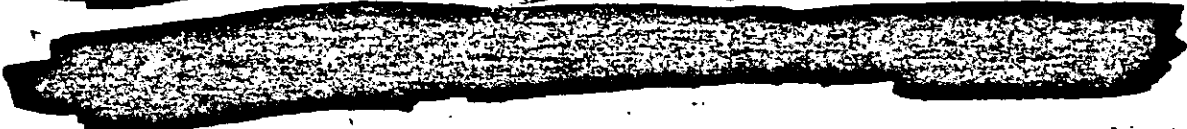
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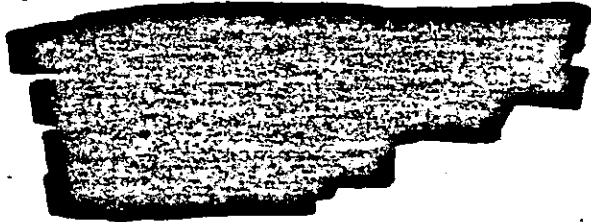
No members of the Ohio Committee are known to be officers of the National Committee.

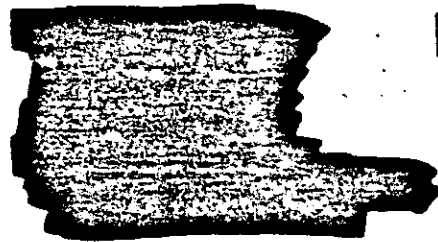
V. EVIDENCE TO SHOW COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION OF LOCAL OFFICERS AND LEADERS

A. OFFICERS



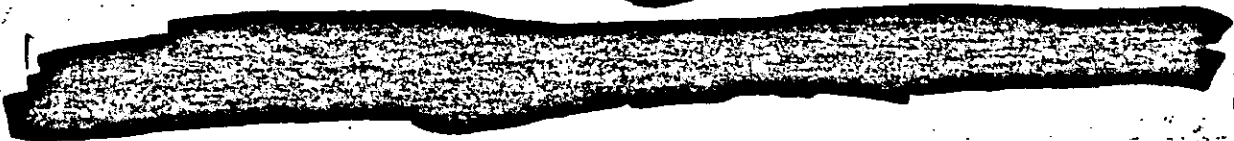






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Witness: 



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[REDACTED]

Witness: [REDACTED]

B. CP AFFILIATION OF LOCAL OFFICERS

[REDACTED]

The Progressive Party in the Cleveland area is controlled and dominated by the CP.

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

LEONARD HINDS - HINDS was elected Financial Director of the Ohio Progressive Party [REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

MARY LAND - On March 1, 1946, MARY LAND was a member of the CP in Cleveland, Ohio.

Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is available to testify

On August 8, 1947, MARY LAND's name appeared as a chairman of one of the CP groups in Cleveland.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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BELLA LIKOVER - As of May 15, 1946, BELLA LIKOVER was a member of the CP Cedar-Central Club in Cleveland.

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify b7D

BELLA LIKOVER was a member of the CPA in Cleveland as of June 21, 1945.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify. b7D

GEORGE and LILLIAN MOED - No evidence is available showing CP affiliation on the part of the MOEDs, however, since they moved to Ohio within the past few years additional investigation concerning their previous activity is presently being conducted.

DON ROTHENBERG - As of February 3, 1948, ROTHENBERG was a member of the CP in Washington, D.C.

Witness: [redacted] b7D

ROTHENBERG has been Executive Secretary of the Cuyahoga County Progressive Party in Cleveland [redacted] b7D

Witness: [redacted]

C. OTHER INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN PROMOTING THE COMMITTEE AND THEIR COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

On December 14, 1952, source advised [redacted]

[redacted] that the Communists were moving towards the front in the organization. b7D

Witness: [redacted]

JERRY LAND was chairman of the Glenville CP Club in Cleveland as of February 6, 1946.

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify

MILTON TENNENBAUM was a member of the Bath Beach Club of the CP, 16th AD King's Committee, New York, in 1944.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify.

MILTON TENNENBAUM was active in Progressive Party affairs in Cleveland from 1948 through 1951.

Witness: [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Witness: [redacted]

PHIL BARTELL was a delegate to the Ohio State Convention of the CP held July 21, 22, 1945 in Cleveland.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability
who is available to testify

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CHARLOTTE "LEE" GARDNER was membership secretary of the Mt. Vernon Club of the CP in Mt. Vernon, New York, on May 8, 1947.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability
who is not available to testify

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LEE GARDNER was beginning to take an active role in the CP in Erie, Pennsylvania, [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability

FRIEDA KATZ was a member of the Ohio State CP Committee as of October 11, 1948.

Witness: [redacted]

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FRIEDA KATZ was Section Organizer of the Southeast Section of the Cuyahoga County CP, Cleveland [redacted]

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is available to testify

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FRIEDA KATZ was elected Executive Secretary of the CRC in Ohio [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

ANN MAGEDOVITZ was chairman of one of the CP clubs in Cleveland [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

ABE STRAUSS was a member of the Ohio State CP Committee [redacted]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

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ABE STRAUSS is local editor of the "Morning Freiheit" Yiddish Communist newspaper.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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MARGARET WHERRY was a member of the Women's Commission of the Cuyahoga County Communist Party on October 14, 1946.

Witness: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

NETTA BERMAN served as chairman of the Rosenberg Rally sponsored by the Ohio Rosenberg Committee and the ASP on November 8, 1952, in Cleveland.

Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is available to testify

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is available to testify

HUGH DE LACY served as chairman of the Rosenberg Rally held on February 14, 1953 in Cleveland.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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HUGH DE LACY was a member of the CP in the State of Washington.

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Witness: [REDACTED]

(Signed statement received
at Seattle, Washington, on
December 6, 1947)

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HUGH DE LACY is presently chairman of the Ohio
Progressive Party.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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VI. EVIDENCE TO SHOW EXTENT TO WHICH
ORGANIZATION FUNDS, RESOURCES AND
PERSONNEL ARE UTILIZED TO PROMOTE
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

No direct evidence under this caption has been
received with the exception of the information furnished by
T-1 on December 1, 1952, to the effect that the Communist
Party was behind the drive to serve the ROSENBERGS in order
to make martyrs of them.

VII. EVIDENCE SHOWING EXTENT TO WHICH
POLICY AND POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE
COMMITTEE DO NOT DEVIATE FROM THE
COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

It is noted that the Ohio Rosenberg Committee has
not participated in any activity other than efforts to save
the ROSENBERGS.

VIII. MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

On November 8, 1952, the Cleveland Council of the
ASP and the Ohio Committee for the Rosenbergs sponsored a
public meeting at the Sterling Hotel, Prospect Avenue, Cleveland.
Approximately 200 to 250 people were in attendance. The
principal speakers were DAVID ALMAN, Rabbi ABRAHAM CRONBACH
of Cincinnati and JACK DWORKIN, a Cleveland attorney. The
substance of the speeches was to the effect that all present
should contribute money and time in an effort to secure clemency
for the ROSENBERGS and that the ROSENBERGS had not received
a fair trial. [REDACTED]

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Witnesses: [REDACTED]

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On November 18, 1952, a meeting of the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs was held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, at which twenty-two persons were present. The meeting was concerned with a discussion of the fact that the committee had been unable to get any support from various Jewish, Negro and other organizations in Cleveland.

Witnesses: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Each person at the meeting was furnished with writing supplies to write the President requesting clemency for the ROSENBERGS and these letters were left with FRIEDA KATZ.

Witness: [REDACTED]

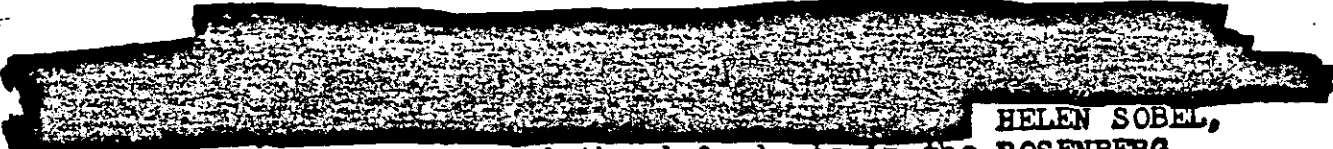
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An advertisement urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS appeared in the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" issue of January 5, 1953, sponsored by the Emergency Committee of the ASP to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs. The advertisement requested that the statement appearing in the paper be endorsed by the reader and sent to the above committee at 104 West 44th Street, New York 36, New York, together with a contribution. The

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advertisement stated that all requests for clemency would be forwarded to the President of the United States.

Witness: Designated representative
"Cleveland Plain Dealer,"
Cleveland, Ohio


HELEN SOBEL,
wife of MORTON SOBEL, one of the defendants in the ROSENBERG
case was the principal speaker. b-7-D

Witness: 

A public meeting was held at the Sterling Hotel, East 30th Street and Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, on February 14, 1953, sponsored by the Cleveland Council of the ASP and the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs. Approximately 150 persons were in attendance. HUGH DE LACY served as chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. MORTON SOBEL, whose husband was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment in the ROSENBERG case, was the principal speaker. She stated that her husband and the ROSENBERGS had not received a fair trial and that the FBI was behind the lies which were testified to at the trial. She stated that if the people in America allow the Government to destroy ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG then the people themselves are that much nearer to being destroyed and that the Department of Justice could not be trusted.


Witnesses:  b-7-D


Witness:  of known reliability
who is not available to testify b 7D

It is noted that the Labor Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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INFORMANTS

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T-2 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	" " " "	[REDACTED] b-7-D
T-3 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	JOSEPH T. LOGUE	[REDACTED] b-7-D
T-4 [REDACTED]	used for identification only			b-2
T-5 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	FRED L. EDWARDS " (oral)	100-20243-20 b-7-l
T-6 [REDACTED]	used for identification only			
T-7 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	PALMER M. BAKEN, JR.	[REDACTED] b-7-c

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CV-901-MS used for identification only

T-12

Anonymous

T-13

[redacted] used for identification only

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[redacted] used for identification only

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Trash cover maintained. Used for identification only
Yonkers Communist Club,
Yonkers, New York.

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MILTON P. MANDT

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JOSEPH M. FANNING

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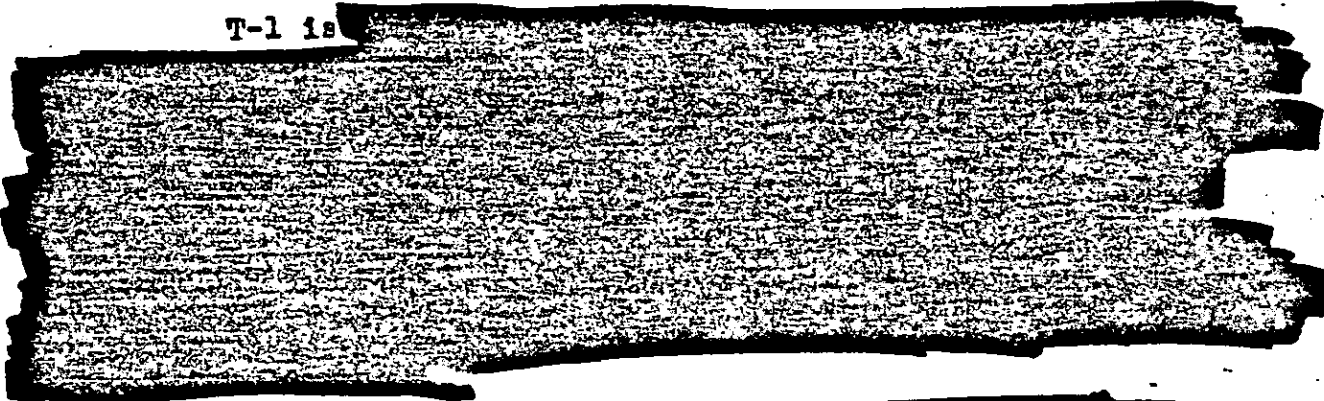
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APPENDIX A

Witnesses:

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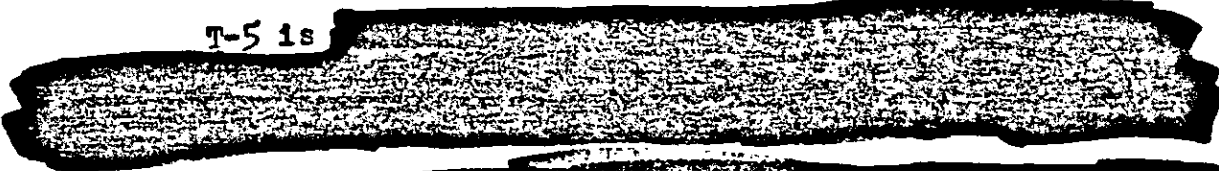
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T-18 is

[REDACTED]

She has never testified but is available to testify. It is believed that she would make a good witness.

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APPENDIX B

Exhibits:

#1 A one-page mimeographed sheet entitled "Action Bulletin" issued by the Committee to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs. This Bulletin is undated and begins, "Plans and activities are going ahead in the campaign to secure clemency for the Rosenbergs..."

Witness: [REDACTED]

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#2 Printed announcement of meeting on November 8, 1952, featuring Rabbi ABRAHAM CRONBACH sponsored by the Cleveland Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions and the Ohio Committee for JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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#3 Printed letter on letterhead of Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs signed by Rabbi ABRAHAM CRONBACH and addressed, "Dear Friend."

Witness: [REDACTED]

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#4 One page mimeographed "Action Bulletin" issued by Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs. This bulletin is undated and begins, "Activity has been stepped up in the last two weeks as the time grows shorter in which to save the lives of the Rosenbergs..."

Witness: [REDACTED]

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#5 One page mimeographed letter dated January 23, 1953, signed by BERTHA TENNENBAUM and addressed "Dear Friend": announcing a meeting sponsored by the Ohio Committee to Secure Clemency in the Rosenberg Case.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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April 21, 1953

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-20243)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE (OHIO COMMITTEE
FOR CLEMENCY FOR THE ROSENBERGS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C
INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
OO: New York

Reurlet 1/16/53.

The following data is being submitted in accordance with
referenced letter. The Ohio Committee for Clemency for
the Rosenbergs is generally referred to as The Ohio
Rosenberg Committee and only one such organization is
known to be active in the Cleveland area.

I. EVIDENCE THAT THE ORGANIZATION
IS SUBSTANTIALLY DOMINATED BY
COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS OR
COMMUNIST PARTY FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is
not available to testify

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[REDACTED] has advised that the Cleveland Council of the ASI is
substantially dominated by individuals who are members
of the CP or persons who have close association with the CP.

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[REDACTED]
This source reported that he felt that the Cleveland ASP Civil Liberties Committee and the Ohio Rosenberg Committee were one and the same. b-7-D

This source advised that the ASP members seemed to be completely indifferent to the plight of the Rosenbergs and unwilling to put forth any real effort on their behalf.

Witness: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Witness: [REDACTED]

On December 1, 1952, this source advised that the CP was back of the efforts to save the ROSENBERGS because of their desire to make the ROSENBERGS martyrs for the Communist cause. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that every effort should be made to prevent too many people identified with the "Left-Wing Movement" from the ROSENBERG meeting in order that the committee would have a better chance to obtain "Right-Wing support." b-7-D

Witness: [REDACTED]

A meeting of the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs was held at the home of MARY and JEROME LAND, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, on December 14, 1952. Approximately fifty persons were present for the meeting.

This source advised that the committee expected 200 persons to go from Cleveland to Washington on January 4-6, 1953, to participate in the protest march on behalf of the ROSENBERGS.

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[REDACTED] stated that the Communists have moved towards the front in the Ohio Rosenberg Committee.

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Witness: [REDACTED]

An article appeared in the "Cleveland News", daily Cleveland newspaper, issue of December 22, 1952, concerning the ROSENBERGS which appeared on page one under the headline, "Plot Uncovered Here to Save Atom Traitors." The article was written by JACK KINNON, "News" political editor. The article stated that an attempt by Communist sympathizers to block the January 12, 1953, execution of atomic secret traitors, ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG, was uncovered in Cleveland on that date by the "News."

According to the article, clergymen of all faiths in greater Cleveland were being asked by letter to urge President TRUMAN to commute the death sentence of the ROSENBERGS. The clergymen had received a letter from what purports to be the "Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs." The article stated that identity of the membership of this committee was carefully hidden and the only address is Post Office Box 41, Cleveland, which was located in South Euclid, Ohio.

According to the article the literature requested that contributions be made payable to the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs.

Witness: Designated representative,
"Cleveland News," Cleveland, Ohio.

Another article appeared in the "Cleveland News" issue of December 23, 1952, written by ROBERT L. KHOOE, under the headline, "Signers of Rosenberg Petition linked to Reds by Police." The article is quoted as follows:

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"Principal Cleveland supporters of a clemency plea for Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, due for execution on Jan. 12 as atomic secret traitors, are persons frequently linked to the Communist Party and its front organizations, Cleveland police records disclosed today.

"These records show that members of the Rosenbergs' defense committee have held three meetings here in the past six weeks, but were denied use of Public Hall and a downtown radio studio for a general mass meeting.

"The first of these meetings was under the joint sponsorship of the Cleveland Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, a government-labeled Communist-front organization, and the Ohio Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs.

"It was held at the Sterling Hotel, 1130 St. and Prospect Ave., on Nov. 8 and was attended by about 50 people.

"Among those present were Jean Kramarek, former wife of the Communist leader now under federal indictment; Frieda Katz, listed in the party's Daily Worker as the 'Communists' women's leader,' and her husband, David; George Gomsik, frequent advertiser in the Daily Worker; and Fred Haug, a former union official identified at congressional hearings as a member of the party.

"Others were Norman and Nottie Ferman, active in the Progressive Party and other front groups; Robert Decker, recently identified as organizer of the party's youth group here; Eugene Duchan, Frieda Kreitner, Norma Shedroff, Jerome and Mary Land; Sallie Marillas, James Schmiat, Libby Gieser, Florence Romig, Caroline Cvenar, Marin Alexandru, and Harry Becker.

"The second meeting, sponsored by the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs, was held in Parlor F of Hotel Hollenden on Nov. 10, police records disclose.

"In attendance at this meeting were Allen Greenfield, son of F. C. Greenfield, a former CIO official who was a candidate for governor on the Communist Party's ticket this year;

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"Don Eothenberg, leader of front organizations listed by the government as Communist fronts; Sam Handelman, an attorney who has represented leftist sympathizers in court hearings and deportation cases, and Mary Land, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Yetta Land, associate counsel for the top Communist leaders now in prison.

"Third Meeting in Heights

"The last meeting, observed by Cleveland Heights police on Dec. 16 was held in the home of Milton Tenenbaum at 3085 Lincoln Blvd., in that suburb, and was attended by a handful of people

"It was arranged, police officials learned, after several efforts were made by Mrs. Margery Posner, 1692 Crest Rd., Cleveland Heights, to rent Public Hall or a downtown radio studio, for a mass protest meeting.

"It was Mrs. Posner who rented a Fox 41 in the South Euclid post office for receipt of contributions to a Rosenberg defense fund. The box number and solicitation of funds was disclosed by the news after letters appealing for support of the Rosenbergs were sent to clergymen throughout the city.

"Mrs. Posner refused to identify other members of the committee but denied that it was a 'Communist front.' Asked how she would account for the fact that a large number of them have been linked to front activities here, she replied:

"I can't answer that because I'm not at liberty to disclose names. I know that I'm not a Communist and neither are a number of other members."

"Mrs. Milton Tenenbaum, who identified herself as a member of the committee but then declined to answer questions, said she was 'moved by the apparent injustice in this case.' She also admitted serving as a reference for Mrs. Posner in obtaining the postal box number."

Witness: Designated representative,
"Cleveland News",
Cleveland, Ohio

An article appeared in the "Cleveland Plain Dealer", issue of December 23, 1952, under the headline "Rosenberg Mercy

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Group is Mystery." The article is quoted below:

"Efforts to learn the make-up of the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs ran into a wall of silence last night, but a spokesman was ready with a statement expressing the group's views.

"Mrs. Margery Posner, 1692 Crest Road, Cleveland Heights, offered the statement, but would not name any officers of the committee.

"She said she was the holder of Post Office Box 41, Cleveland 21, which is in South Euclid. It is the return address for literature being mailed urging clemency for Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, condemned spies.

"Mrs. Posner estimated 8,000 pieces of literature had been mailed out by the committee.

"Tells of Committee

"The statement she offered was that the committee was formed here following a public meeting Nov. 8. Later, she said, persons interested in the case were invited to another meeting, at which the committee was formed.

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(The above persons who made the Washington trip are identified as having been members of the CP in Section V.)

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify.

[redacted] the Ohio Rosenberg Committee backed by the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) and affiliated groups, was planning to arrange for a delegation to go to Washington, D.C., to maintain a vigil in the ROSENBERG case beginning February 14, 1953.

Witness: [redacted]

The CRC has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify

It is noted that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was secretary of the Ohio Commission of the Ohio CP as of July 12, 1948.

II. EVIDENCE AS TO THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

[REDACTED]

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Witnesses: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify.

Confidential Informant [REDACTED] of known reliability has advised that to the best of his knowledge the Progressive Party in the Cleveland area is dominated and controlled by the CP.

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III. EVIDENCE SHOWING THAT THE
ORGANIZATION WAS IN EXISTENCE
SUBSEQUENT TO SEPTEMBER 23, 1950

As reflected under Section II above, the Ohio
Committee was organized in Cleveland subsequent to February 13, 1952.

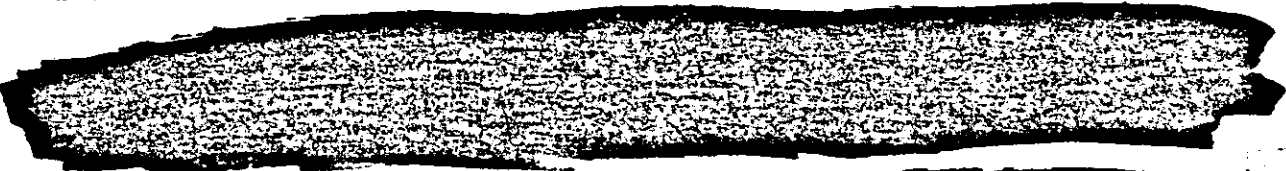
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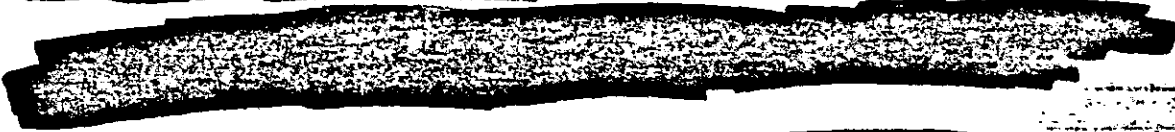
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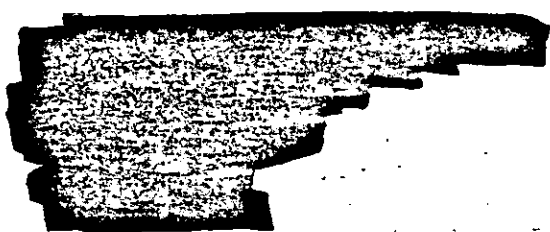
No members of the Ohio Committee are known to be officers of
the National Committee.

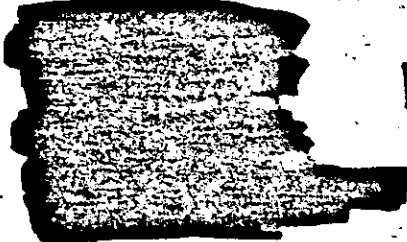
V. EVIDENCE TO SHOW COMMUNIST PARTY
AFFILIATION OF LOCAL OFFICERS
AND LEADERS

A. OFFICERS



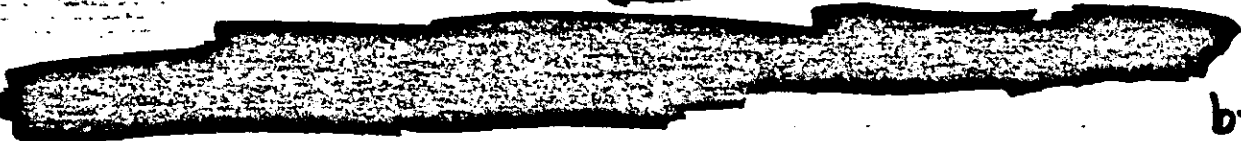






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Witness: 



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[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

B. CP AFFILIATION OF LOCAL OFFICERS

[REDACTED] the Progressive Party in the Cleveland area is controlled and dominated by the CP.

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

LEONARD HINDS - HINDS was elected Financial Director of the Ohio Progressive Party on [REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

MARY LAND - On March 1, 1946, MARY LAND was a member of the CP in Cleveland, Ohio.

Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is available to testify b7D

On August 8, 1947, MARY LAND's name appeared as a chairman of one of the CP groups in Cleveland.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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BELLA LIKOVER - As of May 15, 1946, BELLA LIKOVER was a member of the CP Cedar-Central Club in Cleveland.

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify. b7D

ELLA LIKOVER was a member of the CPA in Cleveland as of June 21, 1945.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify. b7D

GEORGE and LILLIAN MOED - No evidence is available showing CP affiliation on the part of the MOEDs, however, since they moved to Ohio within the past few years additional investigation concerning their previous activity is presently being conducted.

DON ROTHEBERG - As of February 3, 1948, ROTHEBERG was a member of the CP in Washington, D.C. b7D

Witness: [redacted]

ROTHEBERG has been Executive Secretary of the Cuyahoga County Progressive Party in Cleveland [redacted]

Witness: [redacted] b7D

C. OTHER INDIVIDUALS ACTIVE IN PROMOTING THE COMMITTEE AND THEIR COMMUNIST PARTY AFFILIATION

On December 14, 1942, source advised [redacted]

[redacted] that the communists were moving towards the front in the organization. b7D

Witness: [redacted]

JERRY LAND was chairman of the Glenville CP Club in Cleveland as of February 6, 1946.

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify b7D

MILTON TENNENBAUM was a member of the Bath Beach Club of the CP, 16th AD Fing's Committee, New York, in 1944.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is not available to testify. b7D

MILTON TENNENBAUM was active in Progressive Party affairs in Cleveland from 1948 through 1951.

Witness: [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted]

Witness: [redacted] b7D

PHIL PARTILL was a delegate to the Ohio State Convention of the CP held July 21, 22, 1945 in Cleveland.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

Witness: [redacted] b7D

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability
who is available to testify

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CHARLOTTE "LEE" GARDNER was membership secretary of the Mt. Vernon Club of the CP in Mt. Vernon, New York, on May 8, 1947.

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability
who is not available to testify

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LEE GARDNER was beginning to take an active role in the CP in Erie, Pennsylvania, on [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted] of known reliability

FRIEDA KATZ was a member of the Ohio State CP Committee as of October 11, 1948.

Witness: [redacted]

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FRIEDA KATZ was Section Organizer of the Southeast Section of the Cuyahoga County CP, Cleveland, [redacted]

Witness: [redacted] of known reliability who is available to testify

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FRIEDA KATZ was elected Executive Secretary of the CRC in Ohio [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

ANN MAGEDOVITZ was chairman of one of the CP clubs in Cleveland on [redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

[redacted]

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Witness: [redacted]

AME STRAUSS was a member of the Ohio State CP Committee [redacted]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

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ARE STRAUSS is local editor of the "Morning Freiheit" Yiddish Communist newspaper.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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MARGARET WHERRY was a member of the Women's Commission of the Cuyahoga County Communist Party on October 14, 1946.

Witness: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

NETTA BERMAN served as chairman of the Rosenberg Rally sponsored by the Ohio Rosenberg Committee and the ASP on November 8, 1952, in Cleveland.

Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability
who is available to testify

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[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who
is available to testify

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HUGH DE LACY served as chairman of the Rosenberg Rally held on February 14, 1953 in Cleveland.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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HUGH DE LACY was a member of the CP in the State of Washington.

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Witness: [REDACTED]

(Signed statement received
at Seattle, Washington, on
December 6, 1947)

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HUGH DE LACY is presently chairman of the Ohio
Progressive Party.

Witness: [REDACTED]

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VI. EVIDENCE TO SHOW EXTENT TO WHICH
ORGANIZATION FUNDS, RESOURCES AND
PERSONNEL ARE UTILIZED TO PROMOTE
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

No direct evidence under this caption has been
received with the exception of the information furnished by
T-1 on December 1, 1952, to the effect that the Communist
Party was behind the drive to serve the ROSENBERGs in order
to make martyrs of them.

VII. EVIDENCE SHOWING EXTENT TO WHICH
POLICY AND POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE
COMMITTEE DO NOT DEVIATE FROM THE
COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

It is noted that the Ohio Rosenberg Committee has
not participated in any activity other than efforts to save
the ROSENBERGs.

VIII. MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

On November 8, 1952, the Cleveland Council of the
ASP and the Ohio Committee for the Rosenbergs sponsored a
public meeting at the Sterling Hotel, Prospect Avenue, Cleveland.
Approximately 200 to 250 people were in attendance. The
principal speakers were DAVID ALMAN, Rabbi ABRAHAM CRONBACH
of Cincinnati and JACK DWORIN, a Cleveland attorney. The
substance of the speeches was to the effect that all present
should contribute money and time in an effort to secure clemency
for the ROSENBERGs and that the ROSENBERGs had not received
a fair trial.

[REDACTED]

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Witnesses: [REDACTED]

On November 18, 1952, a meeting of the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs was held at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, at which twenty-two persons were present. The meeting was concerned with a discussion of the fact that the committee had been unable to get any support from various Jewish, Negro and other organizations in Cleveland.

Witnesses: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Each person at the meeting was furnished with writing supplies to write the President requesting clemency for the ROSENBERGS and these letters were left with FRIEDA KATZ.

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Witness: [REDACTED]

An advertisement urging clemency for the ROSENBERGS appeared in the "Cleveland Plain Dealer" issue of January 5, 1953, sponsored by the Emergency Committee of the ASP to Secure Clemency for the Rosenbergs. The advertisement requested that the statement appearing in the paper be endorsed by the reader and sent to the above committee at 104 West 44th Street, New York 26, New York, together with a contribution. The

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advertisement stated that all requests for clemency would be forwarded to the President of the United States.

Witness: Designated representative
"Cleveland Plain Dealer,"
Cleveland, Ohio

[REDACTED]

HELEN SOBELL,
wife of MORTON SOBELL, one of the defendants in the ROSENBERG case was the principal speaker.

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Witness: [REDACTED]

A public meeting was held at the Sterling Hotel, East 30th Street and Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, on February 14, 1953, sponsored by the Cleveland Council of the ASP and the Ohio Committee for Clemency for the Rosenbergs. Approximately 150 persons were in attendance. HUGH DE LACY served as chairman of the meeting.

Mrs. MORTON SOBELL, whose husband was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment in the ROSENBERG case, was the principal speaker. She stated that her husband and the ROSENBERGS had not received a fair trial and that the FBI was behind the lies which were testified to at the trial. She stated that if the people in America allow the Government to destroy ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG then the people themselves are that much nearer to being destroyed and that the Department of Justice could not be trusted.

[REDACTED]

Witnesses: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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Witness: [REDACTED] of known reliability who is not available to testify

It is noted that the Labor Youth League has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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INFORMANTS

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PALMER M. BAKER, JR.
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JOSEPH T. LOUPE

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

FRED L. EDWARDS
" (oral)

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[REDACTED]

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PALMER M. BAKER, JR.

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T-11 CV-901-MS used for identification only

T-12 Anonymous

T-13 [redacted] used for identification only

T-14 [redacted] used for identification only

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Yonkers Communist Club,
Yonkers, New York.

T-16 [redacted] used for identification only

T-17 [redacted] used for identification only

T-18 [redacted]

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T-22 b-7D [redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted] b7D	JOSEPH I. GILLEY	[redacted] b-7D

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APPENDIX A

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